Offering prayers in mosques

3803. SHRI SHAMIM AHMAD SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Wakf Council at its meeting held on the 27th October, 1987 discussed the issue of offering of prayers in the mosques under protection of Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) if so, what decision was taken at the meeting;

(c) whether Government have appointed any Committee to go into the issue of offering prayers in protected monuments;

(d) if so, what is the present stage of consideration of the issue in the Committee; and

(e) what action Government have taken to get the decision of the said Committee expedited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) The question of offering of prayers in mosques under protection of Archaeological Survey of India was raised in the Central Wakf Council meeting held on 27th October 1987. It was explained that the matter was the concern of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and it was for them to take a view in the matter which involved protection of our national heritage. It was, therefore, urged that the point should not be pressed in the Council's meeting.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Reorganisation of Ministry of Welfare

3804. SHRI SHAMIM AHMAD SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Ministry of Welfare was re-organised;

(b) what were the reasons for its re-organisation;

(c) what are the names of various units attached to the Ministry of Welfare which were formerly parts of other Ministries;

(d) what was the strength of each transferred unit on the day of transfer, break-up of Gazetted, non-gazetted, cadre and ex-cadre posts of each unit separately; and

(e) what is the present working strength of each transferred unit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Ministry of Welfare came into being on the 25th Sept., 1985;

(b) Allocation of work between Ministries and Departments of Government of India is made under Article 77 of the Constitution for more convenient transaction of Government business;

(c) While the work relating to Social Welfare and Social Defence came to the Ministry of Welfare as the successor Ministry, the work relating to the welfare of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Minorities was transferred from the Ministry of Home Affairs and that relating to the WAKF from the Ministry of Law;

(d) and (e) Information is given in the Statements attached. [See Appendix CXLrV, Annexure No. 160]

105 per cent value secured by SAIL against orders

3805. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rationale behind securing 105 per cent value by the SAIL from buyers against delivery orders for any product;